

Fact Sheet

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EPA Announces Reorganization and Name Change for the Office of Solid Waste (OSW); OSW Becomes the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery and Streamlines Its Operations

Action

Effective January 18, 2009, the Office of Solid Waste (OSW) is reorganized and has changed its name to the *Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR)*. The name change reflects the breadth of the responsibilities/authorities that Congress provided to EPA under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the primary authorizing statute. The ORCR has three divisions, which consolidate the operations of the six divisions under the old OSW structure. This reorganization will create a more efficient structure, consistent with current program priorities and resource levels, which will enable EPA to better serve the needs of the public and its key stakeholders over the next 5-10 years. EPA has increased focus on resource conservation and materials management; the emphasis on this important aspect of the RCRA program is expected to continue while maintaining a strong waste management regulatory and implementation program.

This reorganization also:

- consolidates the four major areas of the Resource Conservation Challenge (RCC) under one division;
- combines data collection and data analysis activities thus streamlining operations to better coordinate EPA's efforts to analyze and present the benefits of its program; and
- consolidates waste-to-energy activities in one division and branch.

The three divisions in the new organization are: Materials Recovery and Waste Management Division; Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division; and, Program Implementation and Information Division.

For More Information

For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/basicinfo.htm>